

LOWELL VOICE

Newsletter of the **L**owell Neighborhood **C**ivic **A**ssociation

September 19, 2016

***** ANNOUNCEMENT *****

Neighborhood Meeting

September 19, 2016, 7 PM - 9 PM

Proposed Agenda

- 6:30 – 7:00** Pizza & Ice Cream
- 7:00 – 7:10** Introductions
- 7:10 – 7:20** Map Layout-North, Central, South
- 7:20 – 8:30** Roger Hoot – Map Your Neighborhood
- 8:30 – 8:40** Group discussion
- 8:40 – 8:50** Group reports
- 8:50 – 9:00** Good of the Order/Announcements

**Location: Lowell Elementary School – cafeteria
then library**

5010 View Drive, Everett



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” --Margaret Mead

Executive Committee

Chair:	Jackie Minchew	238-8657
Vice Chair:	Dale Wilson	355-2159
Treasurer:	Elaine Wilson	355-2159
Secretary:	Phyllis Minchew	923-3121
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	Elly Smith	330-5096
	Michael Rinner	366-0928
Historical:	Gail Chism	258-9381
Mini Grants:	Megan Dunn	252-6265

Light Sticks, NextDoor and Much More

LCA MEETING: At this month’s LCA meeting, it’s all about getting prepared for disasters! We will have free pizza and ice cream bars for as many as fifty neighbors, as well as 50 free light sticks! After the program, we will have drawings for gift cards from various local businesses, as well as two backpacks full of emergency preparedness supplies. You will want to be here!

Aside from pizza, ice cream and light sticks, this meeting will be different from our regular meeting agenda. It will be much more about getting to know one another, as well as launching the “Map Your Neighborhood” (MYN) program in Lowell, courtesy of the Everett Office of Emergency Management.

Our goal is to spark some interest in learning more about the Map Your Neighborhood program: What it is, why it is important and how we can make a social event out of learning more about it so as to better prepare for possible emergencies.

As you all undoubtedly know, Lowell is situated on the Pacific Rim “Ring of Fire.” Among the five active volcanoes in Washington, Snohomish County’s Glacier Peak is the fourth highest and the most remote. In addition to volcanoes, Washington sports a number of fault lines that are subject to jolting the region from time to time, plus floods, fires, landslides and oil trains, etc. The better prepared we are to deal with the effects of these potential dangers, the better off we will all be.

NEXTDOOR.COM: As near as we can tell, NextDoor.com (ND) arrived in the Riverside Neighborhood around April, 2014. Lowell’s activity seems to have started in May 2015. Now, there are some 136 Lowell Neighbors signed up. There can be no doubt that ND has had a tremendously positive impact on neighbor to neighbor interactions via social media in Lowell. It is less clear how it has affected face-to-face interactions. We will be reaching out to try and get some ND activists to come to our September meeting and get acquainted, and maybe even involved with the Lowell Civic Association.

Jackie Minchew, Chair
Lowell Civic Association

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - ONA

At one time or another, we’ve all visited the Riverview Market & Café. Maybe you had breakfast there, or picked up that one ingredient you needed for dinner. I’ve attended a number of LCA Executive Board meetings there, besides stopping by for a Coke and a candy bar (my weakness). Whatever your reason for stopping in - you probably spoke to Ona. She is the familiar and friendly face of the Riverview.

Besides running the Market & Café, Ona has been a long-time friend and supporter of the Lowell Neighborhood. When the LCA published “150 Years of Lowell History” – 1863 to 2013, she was more than happy to sell the books in the store. Most businesses that sold the books took a portion of the proceeds for themselves, as they should. But not Ona! She insisted the proceeds go entirely to the Lowell Civic Association for the benefit of the neighborhood.

So, the next time you visit the Riverview Market & Café, tell Ona how much we value her and all she has done for the Lowell Neighborhood. She deserves our thanks!

Thank you, Ona, for all you have done for Lowell!

POLYGON UPDATE

On Saturday, Sept. 10, I stumbled into an Open House at Polygon Homes’ Riverfront Development. They have 9 or 10 homes in the works, with foundations poured for several more. Three of the homes were open for people to walk through, even though only partially complete. If you haven’t been down there in a while, go to 41st St. and turn east toward the river. At the roundabout, bear right and then take a look around. I believe new residents may be moving in soon!

Lowell Civic Association

FREE PIZZA, FREE FUN!

Join us on September 19th at 6:30 PM at Lowell Elementary School for an evening of good food, great fun, and better company. We'll have **FREE** pizza, ice cream, and beverages for any residents of Lowell who attend! Plus, the first 45 attendees will receive a **FREE** lightstick!

Also, as part of our Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Project kick-off, **we'll be giving away two backpacks full of tools and supplies** that may prove useful in the event of an emergency. After the tasty treats and giveaway, stick around to learn more about what your fellow neighbors are doing to be prepared for natural disasters and other emergencies.

BE...

Lowell



— Celebrating —
150 Years

SEPTEMBER
19TH - 6:30 PM

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SOCIAL EVENT ON PREPAREDNESS

The Map Your Neighborhood program guides neighbors through simple steps to help enhance preparedness for an emergency. These steps will help the neighborhood to quickly and safely take actions that can minimize damage and protect lives.

Learn more about this initiative taken up by the Lowell Civic Association at our social event on September 19th at Lowell Elementary School.

Plus, while learning more about these opportunities to better our neighborhood, enjoy some pizza and ice cream, on us!

**ATTEND FOR A
CHANGE TO WIN A
FREE EMERGENCY
BACKPACK KIT!**



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROJECT MEETING #1

At our September event, we'll be assembling three groups of neighbors – residents from the south end, central area and north end of Lowell.

After these groups have been established, a Lowell Civic Association volunteer will work to find a date, location and meeting place convenient to the neighbors who make up the group. This meeting is completely optional, but if you are someone who is concerned for the safety of our great neighborhood, your input is invaluable.

Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage.

SEE BACK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

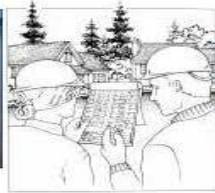
WWW.LOWELLNEIGHBORHOOD.ORG

Be sure to bookmark our new website: www.lowellneighborhood.org! Visit today to learn more about LCA projections, neighborhood happenings and what you can do to get involved! Want to contact the LCA directly? See the "Contact Us" page on the website.

The LCA thanks Alex Alexander for the use of this wild rose logo which he is using to commemorate the upcoming 150 year anniversary of the Getchel Ranch at the bend of the river and also was used as the logo in his writings surrounding the 150 year anniversary of the founding of Lowell.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Preparing Neighborhoods...



...to Care for Each Other When Disaster Strikes

PREPARE...

Neighborhoods that are prepared for emergencies and disaster situations save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduce property damage.

In addition, working together as a team and contributing as an individual develops stronger communities and improves the quality of life in the community.

LEARN...

- The 9 steps to take immediately following a disaster.
- Develop a neighborhood skills and equipment inventory.
- Map your neighborhood and identify areas of concern such as gas meters.
- Verify which neighbors need extra help in a disaster such as the elderly, those with a disability, or children who may be home alone.

To request assistance mapping your Everett neighborhood, contact Lynn Sterbenz, Public Education Coordinator for the Everett Office of Emergency Management, at (425) 257-8111 or lsterbenz@everettwa.gov

To learn more, visit the [Washington EMD Map Your Neighborhood website](#).